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State and Federal Legislation: Accreditation and Licensure

America's unelected accrediting organizations possess broad power over our nation's higher education institutions and professional licensure—power unchecked by any meaningful public oversight and used to advance a radical political agenda. Our colleges and universities cannot be reformed unless the accrediting organizations are as well.

Federal Policies

NACIQI Nomination Reform

The Education Department's National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) is responsible for federal oversight of accrediting organizations. Federal policymakers should nominate dedicated accreditation reformers to NACIQI.

Accreditation Scope Act

Reduce the scope of accreditation to assessing fiscal health and institutional transparency.

Accreditation Freedom Act

Remove accrediting organizations' monopolies and let states create accrediting organizations.

Accreditation Innovation Act

Remove the institutional bias against new accrediting organizations and new institutions of higher education.

Accreditation Nondiscrimination Act

Prohibit accrediting organizations from imposing discriminatory policies on institutions of higher education.

Accreditation Depoliticization Act

Prohibit accrediting organizations from imposing politicized policies on institutions of higher education.

Accreditation Religious Freedom Act

Prohibit accrediting organizations from violating the religious mission of institutions of higher education.

State Policies

Accreditation Autonomy Act

Authorize state policymakers to give instructions to university officials on how to vote in accreditation organizations.

Accreditation Autonomy Resolution

Begin the process by which several states can undertake a deliberate process of preparing a replacement accrediting organization.

Licensure Nondiscrimination Act

Depoliticize and prevent group-identity discrimination in every aspect of professional licensure.

Learn more at <https://www.nas.org/model-accreditation-and-licensure-code>.